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ADVERTISEMENT

Alcorn State University anticipates purchasing the services/products from IData. Objections in response to Sole Source #2019-02 are due on Thursday, August 12, 2021 by 2:00 pm in the Office of Purchasing, 1000 ASU Drive #509, Lorman, MS 39096:

Software licensing and integration support for the IData Hubbit Licenses:Admissions Core Hubbit, Slate Core Connector Hubbit, and Banner Core Connector Hubbit
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Should a vendor choose to submit their response electronically, please follow the instructions below using the following website: https://www.ms.gov/dfa/contract_bid_search/Home/Sell. On that site, you will find helpful links to procurement opportunities, as well as a link to supplier registration. If not already registered in that system, potential bidders will first need to click on 'Supplier Registration' and follow the steps outlined (a one-time process). Once registered, they can return to the original website and click on 'Procurement Opportunities' where they can either search by keyword for the bid they desire to respond to or leave the search box blank and click 'Search' for a listing of all current bids and proposals for various State of Mississippi offices.

Specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Mertha V. George (601) 877-6154 or email at mgeorge@alcorn.edu. Alcorn State University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals/qualifications and to waive informalities.

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The Clarion Ledger
P.O. Box 40
Jackson, MS 39205-0040

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please run the enclosed notices on July 26, 2021 and August 12, 2020.

After the last run, please send one (1) copy of the proof of advertisement to us.

Very truly yours,

Mertha George
Mertha George
Purchasing Agent

Alcorn State University

Notice of Proposed Sole Source Purchase

2022-00

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Alcorn State University anticipates purchasing the services/products listed below as a sole source purchase. Anyone objecting to this purchase shall follow the procedures outlined below.

1. Commodity or commodities to be purchased (make, model, description):

   Software licensing and integration support for the IData Hubbit Licenses: Admissions Core Hubbit, Slate Core Connector Hubbit and, Banner Core Connector Hubbit

2. Explanation of the need to be fulfilled by this item(s), how is it unique from all other options, and why it is the only one that can meet the specific needs of the department:

   The University is already under contract with Slate that is a comprehensive platform for admissions and enrollment management. It provides a single, unified interface to CRM, outreach and communications, online applications, student success and retention engagement. IData provides a bridge between Banner and Slate with components that have been built and tested by IData in collaboration with Ellucian and Slate. The bridge is available to the university without development cost.

3. Name of company/individual selling the item and why that source is the only possible source that can provide the required item(s):

   The proposed vendor is IData Incorporated. The university currently uses IData with the SAP/Concur software to perform integration between Banner and SAP/Concur. The IData connector has been installed and training on the initial product has been completed. The initial purchase for SAP/Concur has helped reduce the cost of a bi-directional integration between Slate and Banner using the IData product by nearly 40 percent (40%).

4. Estimated cost of item(s) and an explanation why the amount to be expended is considered reasonable:
   The estimated cost of $28,000 over three (3) year lifecycle includes licensing, maintenance and support. The stated amount is reasonable because the initial purchase

for SAP/Concur helped reduce the cost of a bi-directional integration between Slate and Banner allow any additional components to be use at a significant reduction from the initial cost. The IData product used with Slate will cost nearly 40 percent (40%) less than the SAP/Concur integration package.

5. Explanation of the efforts taken by the department to determine this is the only source and the efforts used to obtain the best possible price:

The university has met with Ellucian and Slate and the IData solution is the only product designed to work in our current environment whereby the university can utilize some of the software purchased with the SAP/Concur project reducing the software and implementation procedure significantly.

Advertisement Schedule	Date
1st scheduled	July 26, 2021
2nd scheduled	August 02, 2021

Any person or entity that objects and proposes that the services/products listed is not sole source and can be provided by another person or entity shall submit a written notice to:

Mertha George
Purchasing Agent
mgeorge@alcorn.edu
Subject Line must read "Sole Source Objection"

The notice shall contain a detailed explanation of why the services/products is not a sole source procurement. Appropriate documentation shall also be submitted if applicable.

If after a review of the submitted notice and documents, ASU determines that the services/products in the proposed sole source request can be provided by another person or entity, then ASU will withdraw the sole source request publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the commodity to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

If ASU determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required commodity, then ASU will appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. ASU will have the burden of proving that the services/products are only provided by one (1) source.